34th Annual Chalk Festival, September 16-17, at the Cleveland Museum of Art

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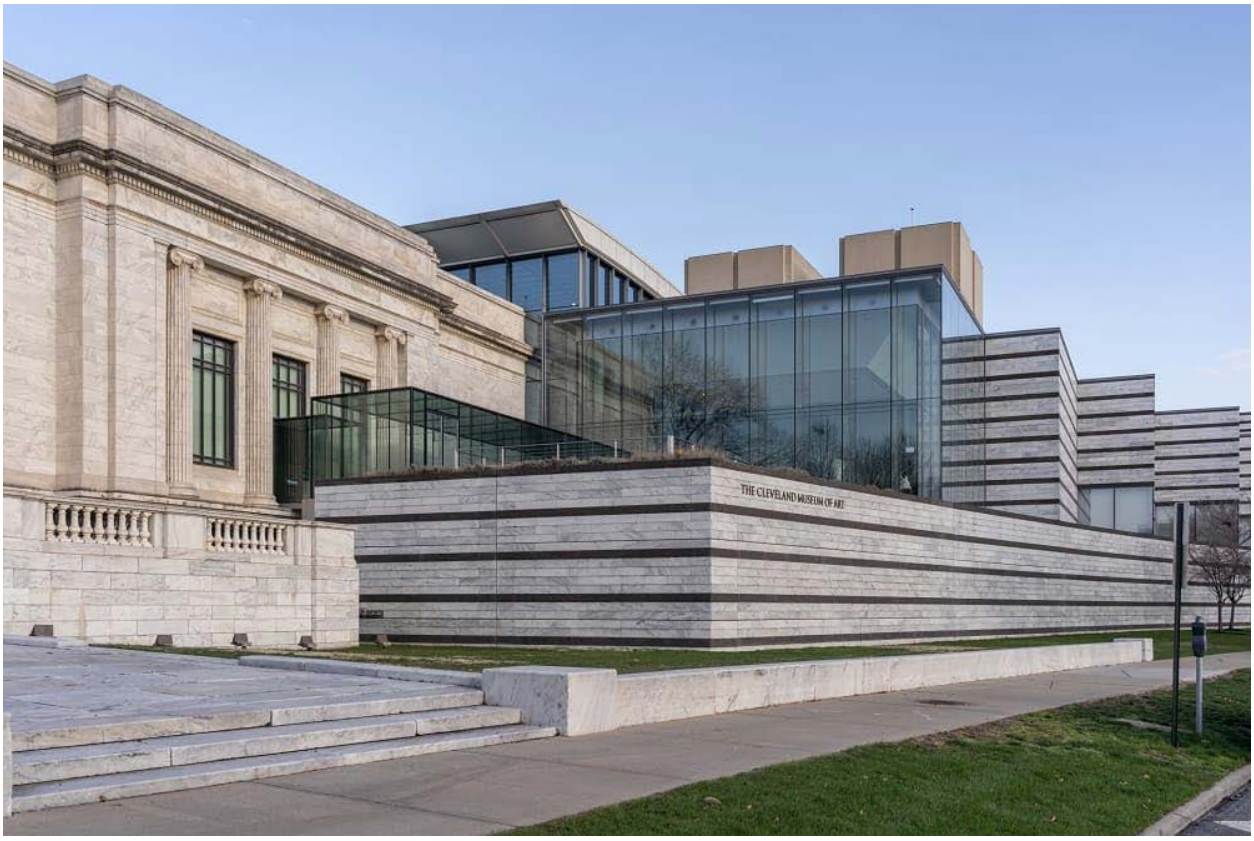

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Two family-friendly days to enjoy sidewalk art inspired by Italian Renaissance tradition

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Cleveland (September 7, 2023)—Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the 2023 Chalk Festival at the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) on **Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, noon to 5:00 p.m.**, rain or shine. This annual event, started in 1990, features sidewalk artistry by professional chalk artists and local community groups, families, and individuals, making the CMA's south plaza and walkways through the Fine Arts Garden and Wade Lagoon come alive with color.

The Chalk Festival is a modern expression of a Renaissance tradition from 16th-century Italy in which artists copied paintings of the Madonna by Raphael and his contemporaries using chalk on the plazas outside cathedrals. This year's Chalk Festival features artists Sequioa Bostick, Bruno Casiano, Debra Sue Solecki, and students from Cleveland Institute of Art.

Everyone can participate in the Chalk Festival! To chalk your own creation, visit the registration tent in the Fine Arts Garden to purchase your pavement square. Chalk pastels suitable for the museum's pavement are included in the purchase.

- $10 small square (includes a 12-count box of chalk pastels)
- $20 large square (includes a 24-count box of chalk pastels)

No reservations will be taken. The Chalk Festival is **free** to visitors wishing to enjoy the artists' work and listen to live outdoor music provided by Ropa Vieja. Food trucks are available at the bottom of the Fine Arts Garden, and the museum café is open during the festival.

The Community Arts Center (CAC) is also offering a Mini Chalk Festival on **Sunday, September 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m**. The CAC is located at 2937 West 25th Street in Cleveland. Free parking is available in the adjacent lot on Castle Avenue. No

reservations are needed. Chalk your own art alongside Chalk Festival artist Sequoia Bostick as she creates a large-scale chalk drawing for all to enjoy. All art supplies, instructions, music, and popsicles are provided free of charge.